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MEMORANDUM FOR: Contract Officer  
SUBJECT: R-W Matters

During a visit to the contractor the week of 9-13 July, several matters were discussed of which you should be informed.

a. TEST SETS

The contractor seems to have interpreted TEST SET as meaning a portable unit for use on the flight-line or a pre-flight unit. He regards the equally essential Bench Test equipment as being work requiring further specific authorization and separate identification. By my interpretation, the contractor is (or if not, should be) authorized inherently to produce the unique equipment necessary to operate and maintain any unique components he may produce. This question is raised at the moment with particular reference to System II (air and ground). The principle should apply to all his work. The immediate procedural problem seems to require the contractor to submit a proposal for Bench Test Units as a pre-requisite to your authorizing him to proceed. Should you agree with my interpretation, it is suggested that you advise the contractor to include UNIQUE Test Equipment as an item on all subsequent "Scope of Work" submissions.

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b. TRAINING SIMULATORS

These are the System II message input and message printer units (only) arranged in a simple system by which a pilot may become familiar with the operation of the system and be checked out on it before attempting to use it operationally. Three of these are required. The contractor will submit a proposal for your consideration and approval. He will, however, proceed with the completion of one trainer without delay (so it can go out to "A" whose pilots need it). The other 2 units can be made available 30 days after receipt of your contractual authority to proceed.

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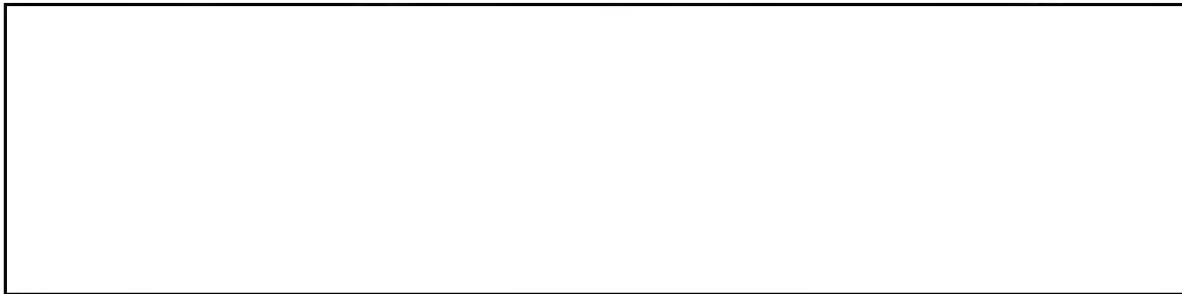
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d. GROUND STATION INSTRUMENTS

You will recall that the contractor was authorized to furnish approximately \$13,000 worth of commercial electronic laboratory grade instruments for use in maintaining System II installations at our Commo ground stations. Somehow, the contractor's organization failed to put the requirement into their procurement process. As of 10 July, the stuff had not been ordered. As a consequence, R-W is considering assembling the necessary instruments from their own labs to send with the first several systems to the field. This would be done on the basis of:

- (1) Return to the contractor upon delivery to the field of the new instruments, or,
- (2) Exchange for new instruments to the contractor and some adjustment in price for the difference between "new" and "used" equipment.

Either method will have complications. You should be aware of the matter.

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